



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MATCHING CAMPAIGN!

We are grateful to the many members who support the mission and programs at Pine Grove. If you are not yet a member, now is the perfect time, thanks to a generous donor who will match dues for new members who sign up before the end of the year. Annual dues are modest and the rewards are many: helping to preserve the beautiful buildings, grounds and artifacts at Pine Grove; providing educational opportunities to children and adults; discovering more about the people, places, and events of Oakland County; and, the chance to meet other great people who have similar interests. Joining is easy – just clip the membership application on the outside of this mailing and send it along. Remember, every new membership will be enhanced by matching funds. Everyone is welcome. Join us and help make a difference.

NEW MEMBERS

Diane L. Anderson – Lathrup Village
Aaron Castillo – Pontiac
Will Gall – Rochester Hills
John & Joyce Hovis - Davisburg
Jeff Lloyd - Waterford
Ray Lucas – Rochester Hills
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Jack & Hope Mason - Waterford
Scott Moore - Waterford
Marilyn North – West Olive
Christopher Northcross - Pontiac
John & Linda Pannuto – Rochester Hills
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Quincy Stewart – Pontiac
Jackie Tobbe - Pontiac
Whitney Watson – Chicago, IL
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Linda Konen – Royal Oak
Jim MacDonald – Waterford
Colleen Barkham – Rochester
Joseph Humphrey – Waterford
Lawrence Ostrowski – White Lake
Marilyn Zavorski – Stow, MA
Sarah & Jose Moralez – Madison Heights
Thom Burkett – Waterford

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL
EVENTS AT PINE GROVE.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Two **SMALL TALKS** are scheduled at OCPHS:

John Wilkes Booth – Sunday October 10, 2PM

Photographic History of Pontiac – Sunday, Nov.7, 2 PM

See the enclosed flyers for details

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Victorian Open House has a different schedule for this holiday season. **The Hanging of the Greens** will be Tuesday, November 30, 2010; the **Open House** will be Saturday December 4, and the **De-hanging of Greens** will be on February 1, 2011. During the months of December and January, we welcome groups of people to tour the Wisner House in all its holiday splendor. We must have reservations, of course, so we can be sure to have a docent available to guide you around. We have several new docents who are eager to show off our wonderful house.

We will need many people to help with our holiday event. The Hanging of the Greens, November 30, – unwrapping ornaments, putting up trees, constructing centerpieces, arranging decorations, is just the beginning. After decorating is finished we will share a light lunch.

We anticipate many more tours and we would like to have docents available to assist. On **Open House** day, Saturday, December 4, we would like to have 16 volunteer docents, each to work a two-hour shift in one room only. We will help you with printed information about “your” room, and you will have your choice of costume from our wardrobe collection. Other ways you may help would be baking cookies, assisting in the gift shop during the Open House and during tours. There will be other projects on our “to do” list before the Open House. Start your holiday season with us – get acquainted and share in our holiday cheer.

Join us. Get acquainted and get involved.

THE DIG GOES ON

The archeological excavation of the old ice house is on-going. At this time, the depth is about five feet, six inches, and the bottom of the foundation has not

been reached. Thousands of artifacts have been found, including broken dishes, many rusted tin-cans, hundreds of old nails, roller skates with three wheels, small steering wheel from a child's bicycle, bottles of all sizes. Richard Stamps, professor of Archaeology at Oakland University, and member of the Board of Directors of this society, is heading up this project, as well as others in Oakland County. He is preparing a Small Talk for next spring on the findings of this project and others in Oakland County.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Gale E. Scafe, of Clarkston, died August 15, 2010. Gale was a long time member of the Board of Directors of this society, and an active volunteer. For many years he mowed the extensive grounds of Pine Grove by himself. His wife, Connie, was also a member of the board of this society and his daughter, Joyce, is currently a member. Gale's cheerful personality and generous heart will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Tom Wilson, husband of Fran, librarian at OCPHS, died August 12, 2010, after complications following heart surgery. Tom was a strong supporter of this organization and volunteered his time and talents to the special events, even playing Santa Claus at some holiday events. Tom, an attorney, was president of the United Homeowners of Bloomfield, and hosted and produced the syndicated radio show "Somewhere in Time". We extend our sympathy to Fran and her family.

DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA

Eleanor Borkenhagen, a genealogist in Orange Co. California, has sent obituaries of four people who were born in Oakland Co. and died in the Los Angeles area. If anyone is interested in any of these obituaries, they are in the OCPHS library collection.

Scott Pritchett, born April 29, 1961, died October 10, 2009. The funeral was at Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

Scott Alan Newman, 53 years, died December 12, 2009 in Orange Co., California

Margaret Perry Gettle, born Pontiac September 1, 1919, died Westwood, California May 22, 2008.

Mary Elizabeth Favre born Holly September 9, 1919, died Mission Viejo May 31, 2008. Her husband was Al Breitman.

TWO NEW BOOKS BY OCPHS MEMBERS!!

A Rendezvous with History, by Esmo T. Woods, is a collection of writings of a historian, journalist and poet, featuring scholarship, sportsmanship, and service to the community. Esmo is a life-long resident of Pontiac and a strong supporter of preserving the history of the area. The book is available at the OCPHS library for \$20.00

Images of America – Pontiac, by Ronald K. Gay, is published in partnership with Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society. It includes a large collection of photographs of the city of Pontiac and the Oakland County International Airport that have not previously been published. Ron lives in an historic house in Pontiac and is a member of OCPHS. The book is available at the OCPHS library for \$21.99.

2011 CALENDARS

This is to remind you that we have the 2011 calendar available – **Remembering the Civil War**. It includes many photographs that have not been previously printed. They all are in the OCPHS collection. Price is \$12 if picked up at the office and \$14 if mailed.

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL WAS A HIT!!

The July 31 event was a lot of work, but it was worth all the effort. The weather was good; the attendance was even more than anticipated; the appearances of President Abraham and Mrs. Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Governor Moses Wisner were well received; the children's games were challenging; the ice house "dig" was awesome; and the tours of the Wisner House and schoolhouse kept the docents busy. The hot dogs were a hit (we ran out and had to make a grocery store run), and the dozens of cakes were completely gone.

The photos on the next page are a sampling of our Day at Pine Grove.

Keep July 30, 2011 in mind – that is the date of next year's summer event. We already have Abraham Lincoln signed up – and we promise to have enough hot dogs.

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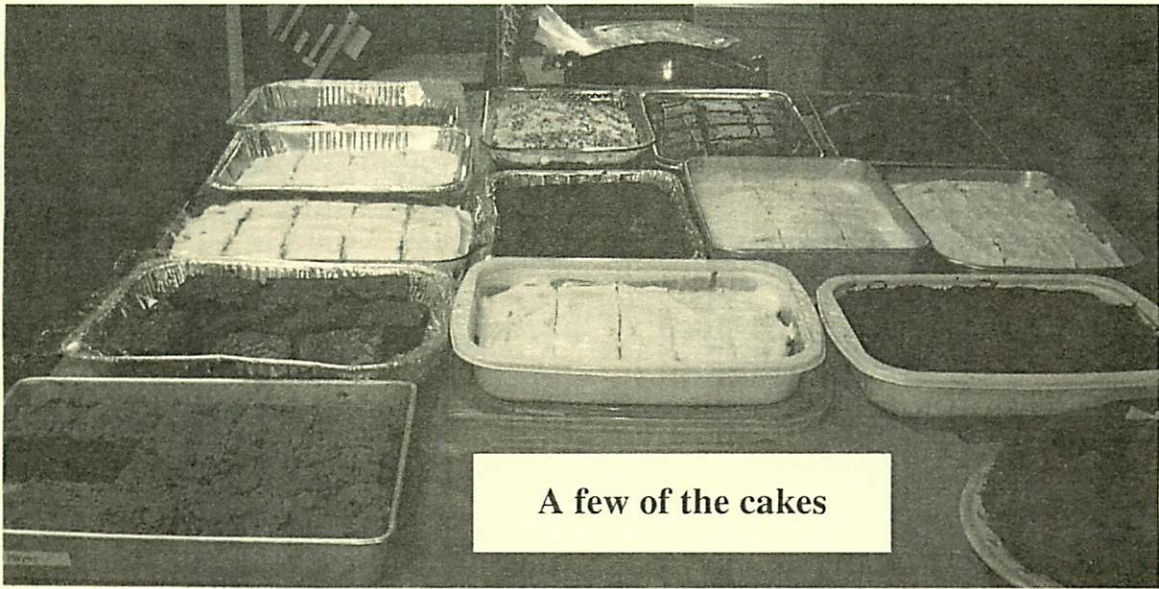
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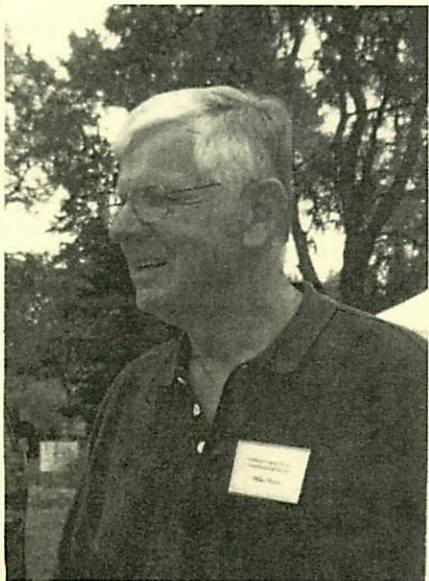
A few of the cakes



Fife & Drum Corps



From the Ice House Dig



Mike West
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White Elephant Sale

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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR ONE YEAR, FROM JULY 1
 TO JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

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- Patron.....\$100.00
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- Friends of OCPHS.....\$500.00
- Corporate Sponsor.....\$500.00

Check desired membership category and enclose with this application and check or money order made payable to Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society and mail to above address.

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